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1. OUR COMMENTS ON C-E DEFINITIONS INCLUDED IN REF A
FOLLOW:

A. RATIONALIZATION OF COMMUNICATIONS - DOD STEERING GROUP
ON RATIONALIZATION/STANDARDIZATION (R/S) IS COMPLETING
PREPARATION OF A GENERAL DEFINITION BROADER IN CONTEXT.
ACCORDINGLY, WE BELIEVE IT IS PREMATURE TO INCLUDE
PROPOSED DEFINITION UNTIL THE GENERAL DEFINITION IS AGREED.

B. CONSOLIDATION - THE COMBINING OF SELECTED COMMUNICATIONS
FACILITIES TO PERFORM A COMMON OR RELATED FUNCTION.
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SIBILITIES OF THE COMBINED ELEMENTS WILL BE EFFECTED IN

ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

C. INTEGRATION - ADD FOLLOWING SENTENCE TO JCEWG DEFINITION THE SINGLE SYSTEM CONTROL, AND OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE AS MUTUALLY AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES."

D. INTERCONNECTION OF COMMUNICATIONS - WE SUGGEST THAT THE TWO JCEWG PROPOSED SEGMENTS BE COMBINED AS FOLLOWS: "COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, SYSTEMS OR EQUIPMENTS ARE INTERCONNECTED WHEN IT IS POSSIBLE FOR TRAFFIC TO PASS UNAFFECTED FROM ONE NETWORK, SYSTEM OR EQUIPMENT TO THE OTHER."

E. INTEROPERABILITY OF COMMUNICATIONS - AGREE TO RETAIN GENERAL EXISTING DEFINITION IN AAP-6. HOWEVER, REQUEST FOLLOWING ON INTEROPERABILITY OF COMMUNICATIONS BE ADDED: "THE CONDITION ACHIEVED AMONG COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS OR ITEMS OF COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT WHEN INFORMATION OR SERVICES CAN BE EXCHANGED DIRECTLY AND SATISFACTORILY BETWEEN THEM AND/OR THEIR USERS. THE DEGREE OF INTEROPERABILITY SHOULD BE DEFINED WHEN REFERRING TO SPECIFIC CASES."

F. STANDARDIZATION - AGREE.

G. INTERCHANGEABILITY - AGREE.

2. IN ADDITION TO TERMS INCLUDED PARA 1 ABOVE, REQUEST YOU TABLE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS FOR JCEWG APPROVAL:

A. COMPATIBILITY - CAPABILITY OF TWO OR MORE ITEMS OR COMPONENTS OF EQUIPMENT OR MATERIAL TO EXIST OR FUNCTION IN THE SAME SYSTEM OR ENVIRONMENT WITHOUT MUTUAL INTERFERENCE.

B. COMMONALITY - THE QUALITY OF ONE EQUIPMENT POSSESSING LIKE AND INTERCHANGEABLE CHARACTERISTICS WITH ANOTHER.
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C. SPECIALIZATION - THE PROCESS WITHIN AN ALLIANCE WHEREIN A MEMBER OR GROUP OF MEMBERS MOST SUITED BY VIRTUE OF TECHNICAL SKILLS, LOCATION OR OTHER QUALIFICATIONS ASSUME(S) GREATER RESPONSIBILITY FOR A SPECIFIC TASK OR SIGNIFICANT PORTION THEREOF FOR ONE OR MORE OTHER MEMBERS.

D. COLLOCATION - THE PHYSICAL GROUPING OF COMMUNICATIONS

FACILITIES OCCUPYING THE SAME OR ADJACENT LAND SITES.

E. INTEROPERATION - THE USE OF INTEROPERABLE SYSTEMS.

F. MUTUAL SUPPORT - THE SUPPORT WHICH ALLIANCE MEMBER NATIONS RENDER TO EACH OTHER TO MEET THE COMBINED REQUIREMENTS OF THE ALLIANCE.

3. FYI: ALTHOUGH ALL ABOVE C-E DEFINITIONS HAVE BEEN AGREED IN OUR C3 WORKING GROUP, THEY REMAIN TO BE FORMALLY STAFFED. WE ANTICIPATE LITTLE, IF ANY, CHANGE IN FORMAL STAFFING PROCESS. IN THIS CONNECTION THE DOD STEERING GROUP HAS APPOINTED AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO PROPOSE TERMS AND DEFINITIONS ESSENTIAL TO R/S. THE COMMITTEE IS CONCENTRATING ON DEFINITIONS OF BROADEST POSSIBLE APPLICATION AND WILL NOT ADDRESS SPECIFIC C-E TERMS; HOWEVER, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE C-E TERMS WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE BROADER DEFINITIONS. END FYI.

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